

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND CAREER PREPARATION**

**Thursday, February 16, 2006**

**8:30 A.M.**

**House Appropriations  
Committee Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor,  
State Capitol Building**

**Chairman Wenke** called the meeting to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Reps. Wenke, Emmons, Ward, Byrnes, Lipsey, Spade. (6/7)

**MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Rep. Palmer. (1/7)

**Representative Lipsey** moved to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2005 meeting.

**Representative Emmons** supported the motion. Without objections, the minutes were approved.

**Representative Byrnes** moved to excuse absent members. **Representative Emmons** supported the motion. No objections being made, absent members were excused.

The committee met jointly with the Senate Appropriations subcommittee on Higher Education to hear a presentation by members of the Midwestern Higher Education Compact.

**Pam Schutt**, Director of Government Relations for the Midwestern Higher Education Compact, gave a presentation before the committee on the importance of their program.

**Chris Rasmussen**, Director of Policy Research for the Midwestern Higher Education Compact, gave a presentation before the committee on the importance of their program.

**Ed Blews**, representing the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Michigan, gave a presentation before the committee on the Midwestern Higher Education Compact.

**David Eisler**, President of Ferris State University, gave a presentation before the committee on the Midwestern Higher Education Compact.

**Conway Jeffress**, President of Schoolcraft College, gave a presentation before the committee on the Midwestern Higher Education Compact.

**Michael Boules**, representing the Presidents Council State Universities of Michigan, gave a presentation before the committee on the Midwestern Higher Education Compact.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned, the time being **10:01 a.m.**

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**Representative Lorence Wenke, Chair**

**Eric Esch, Committee Clerk (517) 373-0070**

